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IN RE APPLICATION OF

AUSBORN ET AL.

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FOR: MICROPARTICLES PREPARED USING AN IONIC LIQUID

MS: Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the office action dated March 31, 2009 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"), in connection with the above identified application. The Office Action provided a one month shortened statutory period in which to respond, ending on April 30, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely submitted.

Remarks/ Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.